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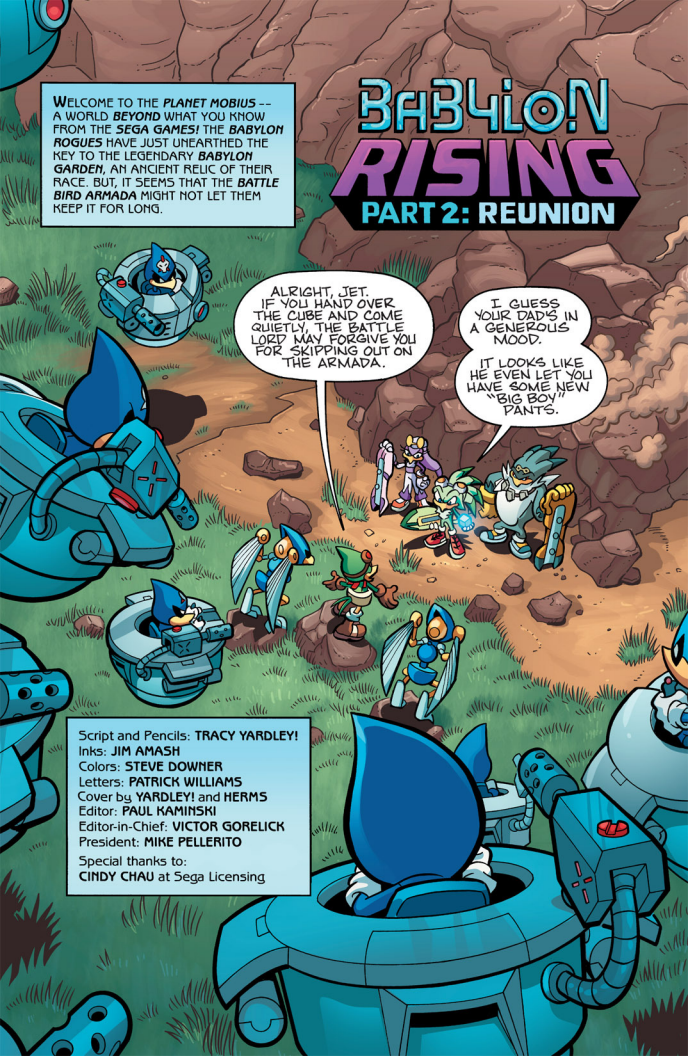
WELCOME TO THE PLANET MOBIUS -- A WORLD BEYOND WHAT YOU KNOW FROM THE SEGA GAMES! THE BABYLON ROGUES HAVE JUST UNEARTHED THE KEY TO THE LEGENDARY BABYLON GARDEN, AN ANCIENT RELIC OF THEIR RACE. BUT, IT SEEMS THAT THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA MIGHT NOT LET THEM KEEP IT FOR LONG.
BABYLON RISING
PART 2: REUNION
ALRIGHT, JET. IF YOU HAND OVER THE CUBE AND COME QUIETLY, THE BATTLE LORD MAY FORGIVE YOU FOR SKIPPING OUT ON THE ARMADA.
I GUESS YOUR DAD'S IN A GENEROUS MOOD.
IT LOOKS LIKE HE EVEN LET YOU HAVE SOME NEW "BIG BOY" PANTS.
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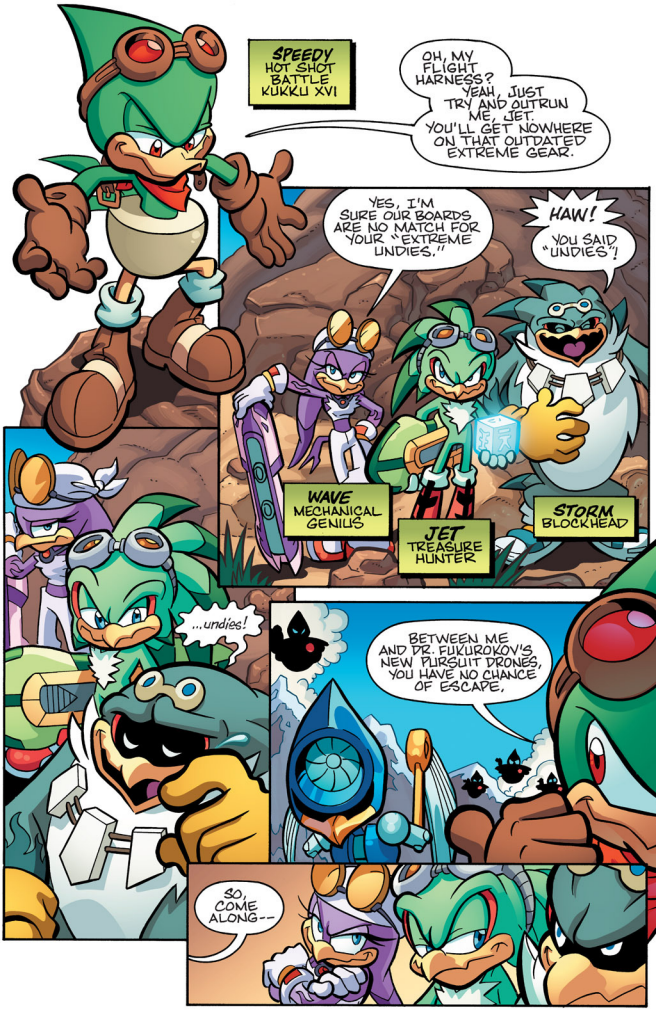
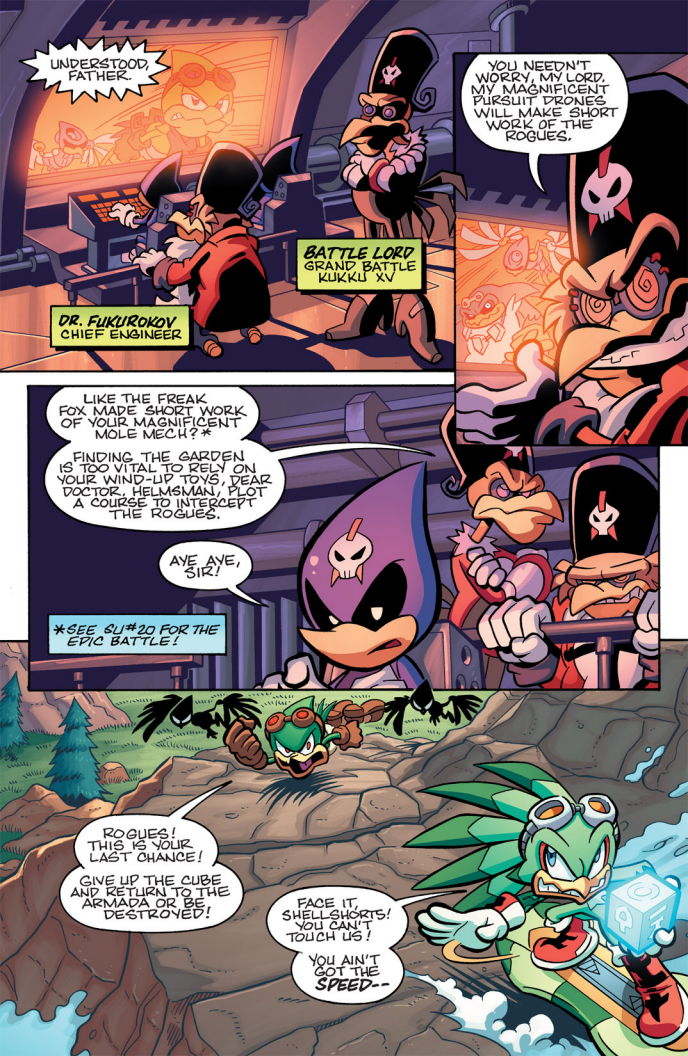

SPEEDY
HOT SHOT BATTLE KUKKU XVI
OH, MY FLIGHT HARNESS? YEAH, JUST TRY AND OUTRUN ME, JET. YOU'LL GET NOWHERE ON THAT OUTDATED EXTREME GEAR.
YES, I'M SURE OUR BOARDS ARE NO MATCH FOR YOUR "EXTREME UNDIES."
HAW!
YOU SAID "UNDIES"!
WAVE
MECHANICAL GENIUS
JET
TREASURE HUNTER
STORM
BLOCKHEAD
...undies!
BETWEEN ME AND DR. FUKUROKOV'S NEW PURSUIT DRONES, YOU HAVE NO CHANCE OF ESCAPE.
SO, COME ALONG--

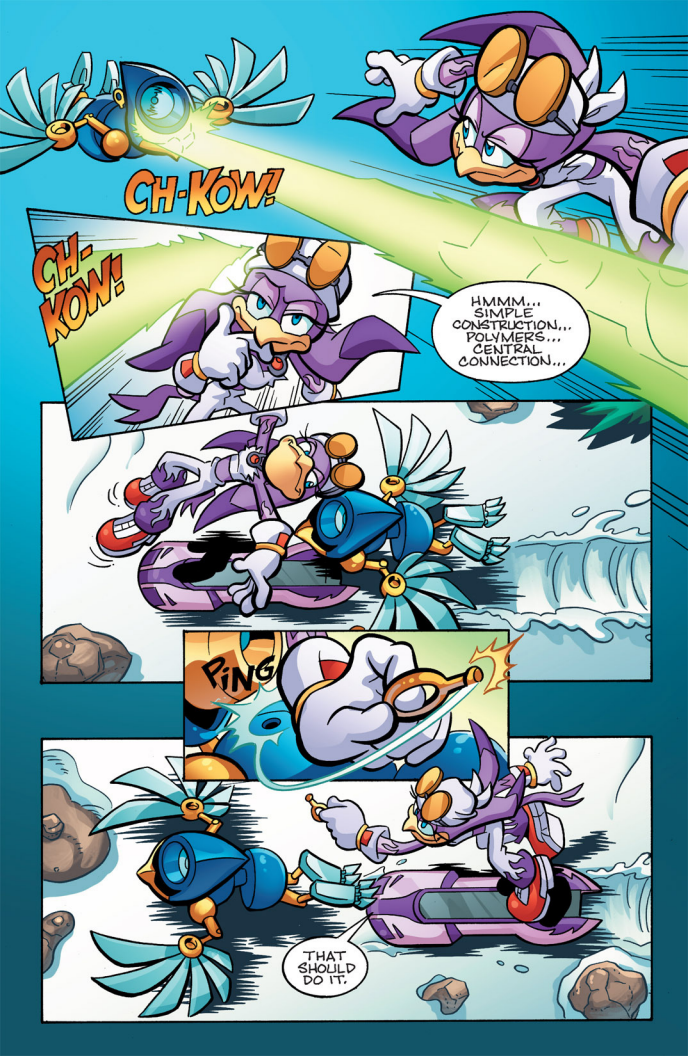
--PEACEFULL-EEEEE!
NO-CAN-DO, JUNIOR. I'M FINDING THE GARDEN AND ALL THE GLORY THAT GOES WITH IT!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! PURSUE!
SHING
WHHOOOOO
ALL UNITS, FIRE ON THE ROGUES!

THE USUAL ARMADA STANDARD OF MARKSMANSHIP.
HEY, ALL THAT TARGET PRACTICE IS PAYING OFF.
I ALMOST HIT THE BIG GUY!
SPEEDY!
YES, FATHER?
THEY MUST NOT ESCAPE WITH THAT KEY.
WE MUST UNCOVER THE SECRETS OF THE BABYLON GARDEN AND USE THEM TO FURTHER OUR EMPIRE. THIS IS A PIVOTAL MOMENT, MY SON.
DO NOT FAIL ME.


UNDERSTOOD, FATHER.
BATTLE LORD GRAND BATTLE KUKKU XV
DR. FUKUROKOV CHIEF ENGINEER
YOU NEEDN'T WORRY, MY LORD. MY MAGNIFICENT PURSUIT DRONES WILL MAKE SHORT WORK OF THE ROGUES.
LIKE THE FREAK FOX MADE SHORT WORK OF YOUR MAGNIFICENT MOLE MECH?*
FINDING THE GARDEN IS TOO VITAL TO RELY ON YOUR WIND-UP TOYS, DEAR DOCTOR. HELMSMAN, PLOT A COURSE TO INTERCEPT THE ROGUES.
AYE AYE, SIR!
*SEE SU #20 FOR THE EPIC BATTLE!
ROGUES! THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!
GIVE UP THE CUBE AND RETURN TO THE ARMADA OR BE DESTROYED!
FACE IT, SHELLSHORTS! YOU CAN'T TOUCH US!
YOU AIN'T GOT THE SPEED--

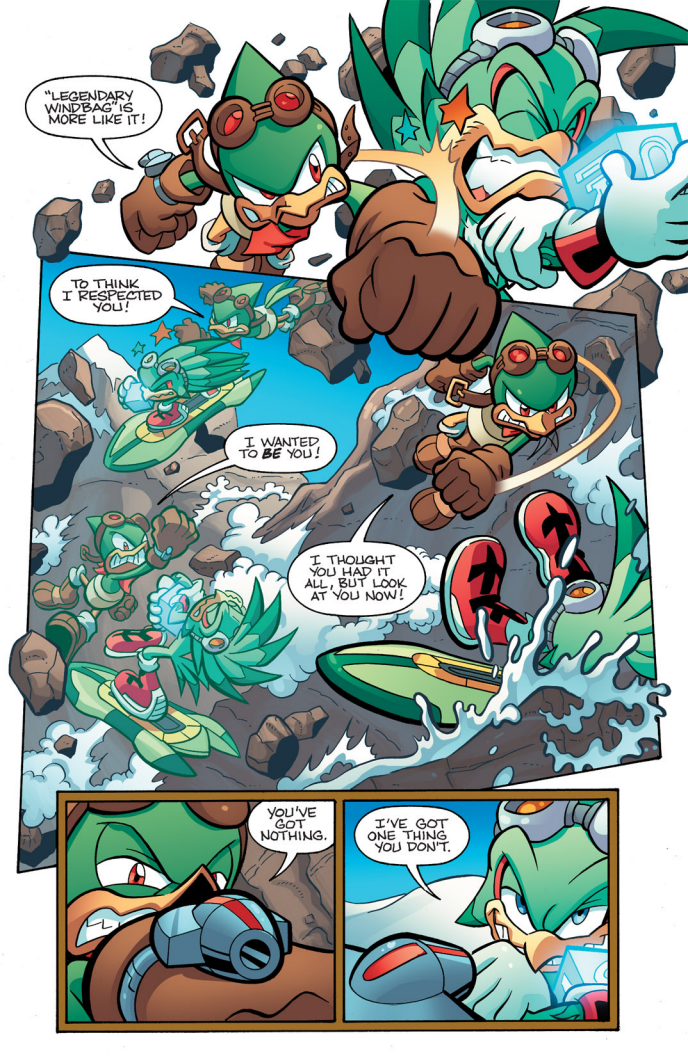
OR THE SKILL--
OR THE GUTS!
YOU ARROGANT...!
I GAVE YOU A CHANCE TO COME PEACEFULLY.
CH-KOW!
NOW YOU'LL COME IN PIECES! DESTROY THEM!
ZIRRRT!
WHOA!
THOSE DRONES ARE BRINGING THE HEAT!
BETTER COOL 'EM DOWN!

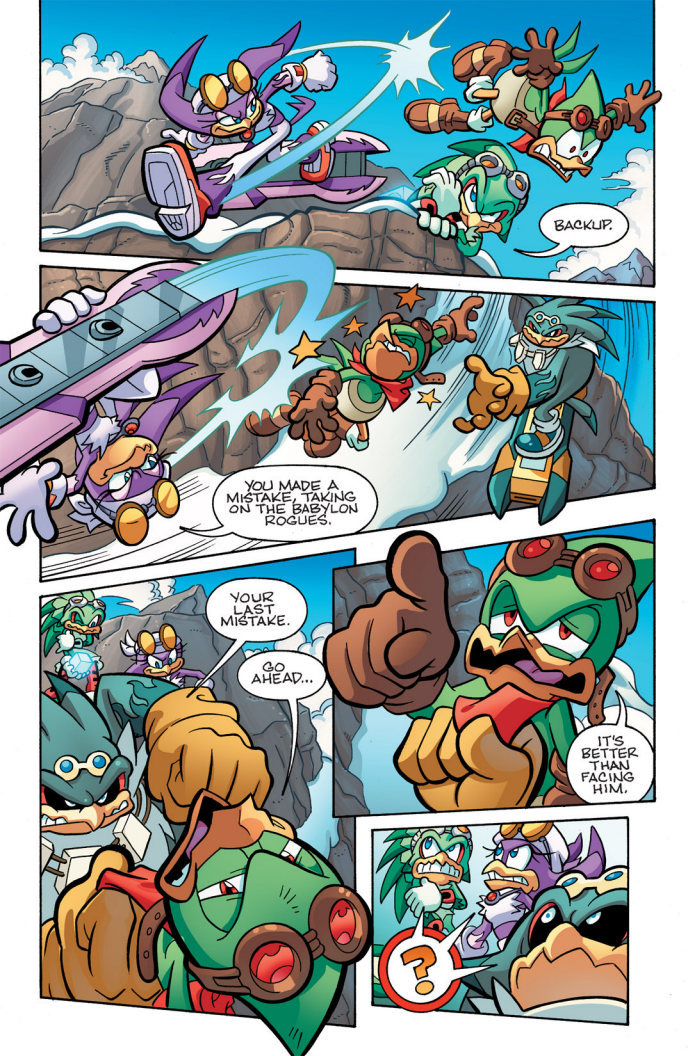
HEH. PITCHING IS FUN.
SPLAT!
SWAP!
BUT I LIKE BATTING BEST!


CH-KOW!
CH-KOW!
HMMM... SIMPLE CONSTRUCTION,.. POLYMERS,.. CENTRAL CONNECTION...
PING
THAT SHOULD DO IT.

JET! GIVE ME THE KEY!
WHICH ONE? F MAJOR? C SHARP MINOR? I DIDN'T TAKE YOU FOR A SONGBIRD!

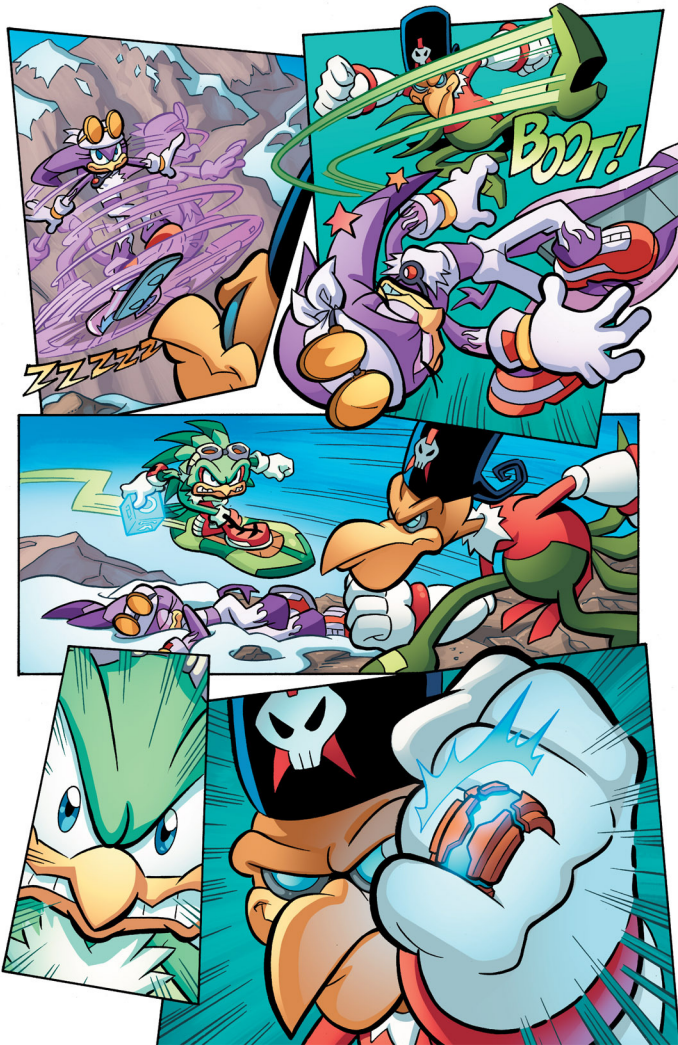
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!
LOOK, KID. IT'S LIKE I SAID BEFORE...
YOU'VE GOT SOME GRIT...
BUT YOU'RE--
PEW!
OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE?
GET OVER YOURSELF!
ARGGH! MY ARM!
BLAM
WHADDAYA SAY NOW, "LEGENDARY WIND MASTER"?

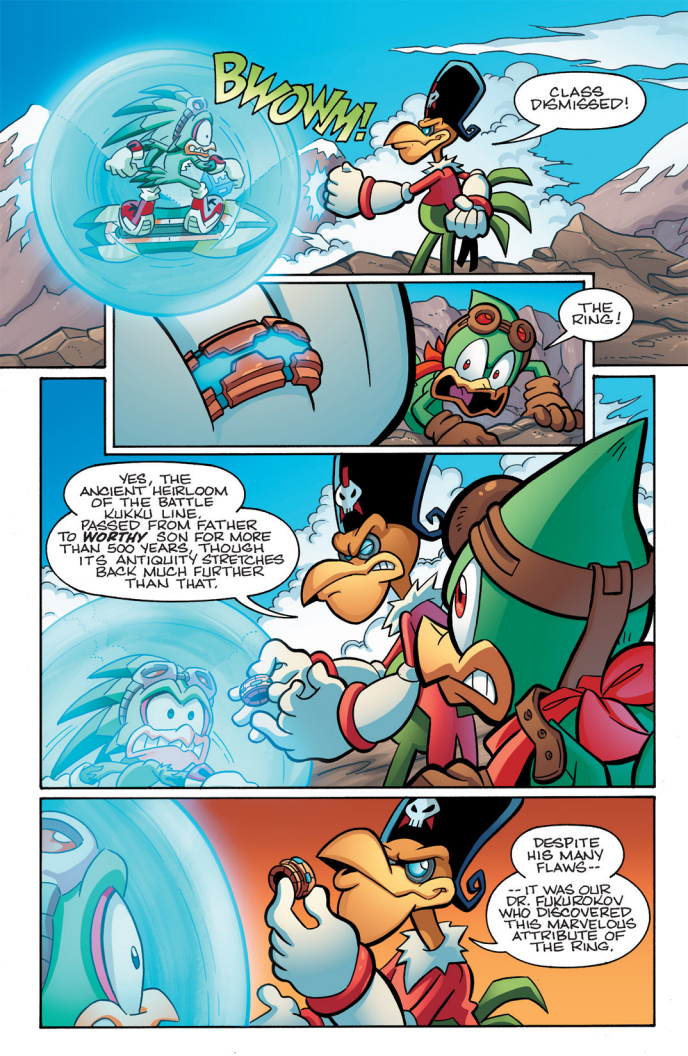

"LEGENDARY WINDBAG" IS MORE LIKE IT!
TO THINK I RESPECTED YOU!
I WANTED TO BE YOU!
I THOUGHT YOU HAD IT ALL, BUT LOOK AT YOU NOW!
YOU'VE GOT NOTHING.
I'VE GOT ONE THING YOU DON'T.


BACKUP.
YOU MADE A MISTAKE, TAKING ON THE BABYLON ROGUES.
YOUR LAST MISTAKE.
GO AHEAD...
IT'S BETTER THAN FACING HIM.
?

THOOM!
WAKE UP, SON.
IT'S TIME FOR SCHOOL.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEEDS A LESSON, OLD MAN!
ROGUES, TAKE HIM OUT!
ON IT, BOSS!
SLAM!


ZZZZZZ
BOOT!

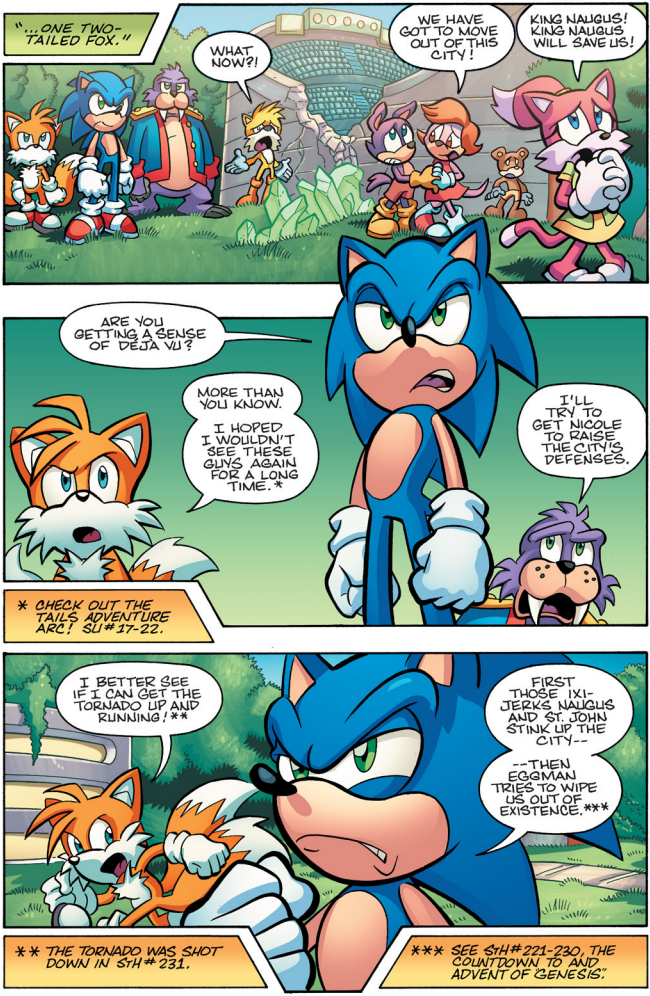

BWOOM!
CLASS DISMISSED!
THE RING!
YES, THE ANCIENT HEIRLOOM OF THE BATTLE KUKKU LINE, PASSED FROM FATHER TO WORTHY SON FOR MORE THAN 500 YEARS, THOUGH ITS ANTIQUITY STRETCHES BACK MUCH FURTHER THAN THAT.
DESPITE HIS MANY FLAWS--
--IT WAS OUR DR. FUKUROKOV WHO DISCOVERED THIS MARVELOUS ATTRIBUTE OF THE RING.

WHAT YOU'RE EXPERIENCING, JET, IS A COMPRESSED GRAVITY FIELD.
THOUGH EXTREMELY USEFUL, ITS EFFECTS ARE LIMITED. IT SHOULD BE WEARING OFF RIGHT ABOUT...
NOW.
BWP!
YOU TWO KEEP BACK UNLESS YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR FRIEND SNAPPED LIKE A WISHBONE.
BECAUSE YOU HOLD SUCH POTENTIAL--
--I'LL ALLOW YOU ROGUES ONE CHANCE TO ACCEPT YOUR RIGHTFUL PLACE AMONG MY FLOCK.

OR FACE THE ALTERNATIVE.
GRRK!
AH! AN EXCELLENT CHOICE.
NOW, THE KEY TO BABYLON GARDEN IF YOU PLEASE.
cough ALL Y-YOURS! *cough*

WHAT?!
DAD!
YOU CAN'T TAKE THEM BACK!
THEY'LL JUST DOUBLE CROSS YOU AGAIN!
NONSENSE, MY BOY. A BATTLEBIRD'S SQUAWK IS HIS BOND.
HE ABANDONED ME--THE ARMADA!
AND TRIED TO MAKE FOOLS OF US!
ENOUGH!
YES, FATHER.
NOW THAT YOU HAVE SO GRACIOUSLY DELIVERED THIS TREASURE INTO MY HANDS--
--I CAN FINALLY REVEAL A GREAT SECRET THAT WAS ALSO PASSED DOWN THE BATTLE KUKKU LINE.

THOUGH WE HAVE KEPT THE RING IN HONOR FOR CENTURIES, THE CUBE WAS LOST TO US IN AGES LONG PAST.
WHAT ONLY WE KNEW IS THAT THESE TWO RELICS OF ANCIENT BABYLON ARE BOTH PART OF A WHOLE!
AND WHEN BROUGHT TOGETHER, THEY NOT ONLY UNLOCK THE BABYLON GARDEN, BUT ALSO SHOW US ITS LONG LOST RESTING PLACE!
WHOA.
IS THAT...?
WELL I'LL BE.
WHAT SERENDIPITY.
SPEEDY, TRANSMIT THESE COORDINATES TO THE ARMADA AND RELAY THE ORDER TO PROCEED.
WEAPONS HOT. IT APPEARS WE MAY HAVE THE CHANCE TO KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.
OR AT THE VERY LEAST...


"...ONE TWO-TAILED FOX."
WHAT NOW?!
WE HAVE GOT TO MOVE OUT OF THIS CITY!
KING NAUGUS! KING NAUGUS WILL SAVE US!
ARE YOU GETTING A SENSE OF DEJA VU?
MORE THAN YOU KNOW.
I HOPED I WOULDN'T SEE THESE GUYS AGAIN FOR A LONG TIME.*
I'LL TRY TO GET NICOLE TO RAISE THE CITY'S DEFENSES.
* CHECK OUT THE TAILS ADVENTURE ARC! SU #17-22.
I BETTER SEE IF I CAN GET THE TORNADO UP AND RUNNING!**
FIRST THOSE IXI-JERKS NAUGUS AND ST. JOHN STINK UP THE CITY--
--THEN EGGMAN TRIES TO WIPE US OUT OF EXISTENCE.***
** THE TORNADO WAS SHOT DOWN IN SYH # 231.
*** SEE SYH #221-230, "THE COUNTDOWN TO AND ADVENT OF GENESIS."

FOR SALLY'S SAKE, * WE'RE GONNA TAKE THESE TURKEYS DOWN BEFORE THEY TOUCH THIS TOWN!
* SEE SALLY'S HEROIC SACRIFICE IN STH #230!
BRING ON THE BATTLE, BIRDS!
SOMEONE'S IN FOR A WHOOPIN'! WILL IT BE SONIC AND THE CITIZENS OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS OR THE BABYLON ROGUES AND THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA? AND WHY EXACTLY ARE THEY EVEN POISED FOR THE FIGHT? FIND OUT IN THE NEXT SPRAWLING, BRAWLING ISSUE OF SONIC UNIVERSE!

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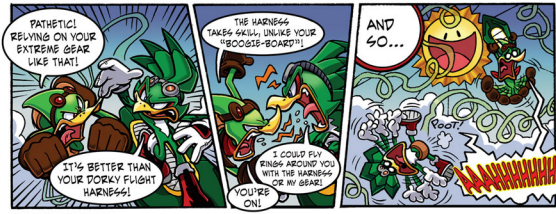
PATHETIC! RELYING ON YOUR EXTREME GEAR LIKE THAT!
IT'S BETTER THAN YOUR DORKY FLIGHT HARNESS!
THE HARNESS TAKES SKILL, UNLIKE YOUR "BOOGIE-BOARD"!
I COULD FLY RINGS AROUND YOU WITH THE HARNESS OR MY GEAR!
YOU'RE ON!
AND SO...
POOF!
AAAHHHHHHH!

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